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Nebraska is...in the eastern part of the state is 87 octane.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then let's not use the term "regular". I was trying to use a term which itself would not be confusing. You cannot sell this subgrade, subgrade octane fuel right now in Nebraska.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that true?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Not without adding octane to it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't get ahead of me. Without adding octane, will this subgrade fuel burn in a vehicle and allow the vehicle to run?

SENATOR CONNEALY: It's not allowed to be sold by law. I think that most...a lot of vehicles could run it, but it's not a quality fuel. You have to have 87 octane to meet the minimum requirements for fuel in the eastern part of the state. When you get higher altitude, out in the western part...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't run away from me.

SENATOR CONNEALY: ...it would be a lower...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to stay on this. Now you are saying that this subgrade fuel is available to be shipped into Nebraska if LB 75 is enacted into law. Is that what you are telling us?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This subgrade fuel is not currently being shipped into Nebraska. Is that true?

SENATOR CONNEALY: It's not being off-loaded at terminals. I think that we had testimony at the Natural Resources Committee that it actually passes through Nebraska to some extent. On its way to Minnesota and to Des Moines, it could. It's a commodity that can be piped into Nebraska but currently it's not at any of